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SUBJ: PRELIMINARY REPORT U.S. ACCREDITED REP. INVESTIGATION
VARIG 707-345C S/N 819841 PP-VJZ BRAZILIAN REGISTRY

FOR CHARLES DUDLEY EB/OA/AVP PASS TO N.T.S.B., ATTENTION:
DIRECTOR BUREAU OF AVIATION SAFETY, CHIEF INVESTIGATION
DIVISION, CHIEF PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH

THIS MESSAGE IN 12 PARTS.

PART I. CONFIRMING REQUEST FOR FBI BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION
U.S. CITIZENS ABOARD ACCIDENT AIRPLANE: BERNARDO REEGAN
(SPELLING POSSIBLY REGAN), ELIO ROSA, TOLA ROSA. GOVERNMENT
OF BRAZIL CONDUCTING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION REMAINING
PAX BRAZILIAN NATIONALS.

PART II. SECTION OF REAR LAVATORY VENT DUCTING WILL BE
FORWARDED TO DCA WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS FOR FBI LAB
SPECTROGRAPHIC EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE PRESENCE OF
NITRATES OR OTHER SUBSTANCES POSSIBLY ASSOCIATED WITH
INCENDIARY DEVICES.

PART III. IMMEDIATE REVIEW SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO
AGAIN EVALUATE FLAME RETARDENT RESISTANCE CHARACTERISTICS
OF CABIN MATERIALS. INVESTIGATION AT THIS POINT INDICATES
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TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF CABIN AND FUSELAGE TOOK PLACE FROM
FIRE SUPPORTED BY CABIN INTERIOR MATERIALS. FIRE WAS
NOT SUPPORTED - REPEAT NOT SUPPORTED - BY FUEL. EXTERNAL
FUEL FIRE DAMAGE LIMITED TO RIGHT WING BETWEEN NO. 3 AND

4 ENGINE PYLONS. NO FIRE ON LEFT SIDE OF WING ALTHOUGH WING SEPARATED AT NO. 1 PYLON.

PART IV. AN IMMEDIATE CHECK SHOULD BE MADE BY NTSB AND/OR FAA IF WALK-AROUND OXYGEN BOTTLES WITH SMOKE MASKS ARE DILUTED/DEMAND TYPE - IF THEY ARE - AN IMMEDIATE CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE TO MAKE EITHER 100 PERCENT OXYGEN OR SIMPLY COMPRESSED AIR AVAILABLE TO CREW MEMBERS IN CASE OF INTENSE SMOKE.

PART V. IN THE ABSENCE AT THIS TIME OF ANY POSITIVE EVIDENCE OF THE FIRE ORIGIN, AN ALERT SHOULD BE ISSUED TO ALL OPERATORS OF ALL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT TO ENSURE THAT (1) "NO SMOKING" IN LAVATORIES IS ENFORCED AS STRICTLY AS PRACTICAL AND (2) FLIGHT ATTENDANTS PERFORM PERIODIC CHECKS (NOT TO EXCEED 15 MINUTE INTERVALS) OF LAVATORIES AND OTHER ISOLATED AREAS TO ASCERTAIN THAT NO UNUSUAL SITUATION EXISTS. THIS SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT ON LONG-RANGE FLIGHTS. (3) LAVATORY SMOKE DETECTORS SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS A POSSIBILITY AT THIS TIME - SUCH DETECTORS COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE PREVENTED THIS SITUATION FROM REACHING CATASTROPHIC PROPORTIONS.

PART VI. AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF ALL SMOKE EVACUATION AND IN-FLIGHT FIRE FIGHTING PROCEDURES SHOULD BE INITIATED. THIS IS THE FIRST KNOWN SEVERE CASE OF THIS NATURE SINCE THE UNITED VISCOUNT (PARROTTSVILLE). ON THE BASIS OF THE FACTS COMING TO LIGHT ON THE VARIG ACCIDENT HERE THIS AREA NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT VERY THOROUGHLY.

PART VII. BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION AS FOLLOWS: COLONEL HERMANO V. JOBBERT, JR., BRAZIL ACCREDITED REP.; EDGARD DE A. LAUREL, VARIG DIRECTOR MAINTENANCE; OTTO SCHMIEDT, VARIG DIRECTOR QUALITY CONTROL; F. MARSCH, VARIG DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND ALSO STAFF ADVISORS TO BRAZIL ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE.
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PART VIII. PRATER HOGUE RETURNED SEATTLE OFFICE THIS A.M. (7/16) TO COMPLETE RESEARCH RE CABIN OR LAVATORY FIRES OTHER BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT OF FOREIGN REGISTRY NOT INCLUDED IN NTSB COMPUTER RUN. SUGGEST WE COMMUNICATE WITH PRATER RE SUBJECTS CONTAINED IN THIS CABLE. MR. H. PIPER, BOEING SAFETY OFFICE, REMAINING WITH ME AS ADVISOR.
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FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE OFFICER HOWARD LEE

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